

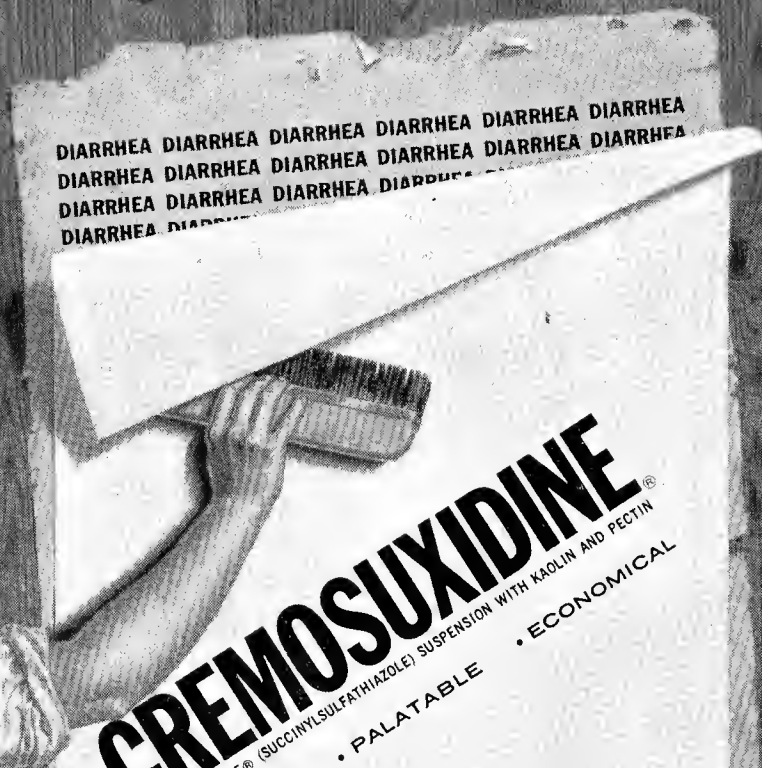


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Our President Speaks

With all the public soul-searching by the communication agencies following some dishonesty disclosures, no mention was made of the medical nonsense so prevalent in these popular media. The public is being coached by clever innuendo in do-it-yourself medical care. "Tired blood", "lazy colon", "scientific adjustment", and the "quick pill" are a few of the ridiculous "witch" words promulgated in this day of presumptive enlightenment. What isn't mentioned is that the sequel to self-diagnosis and self-treatment may be self-sacrifice. It may be profitable to give advice without responsibility, but it may spell disaster to the recipient.

Anything affecting health is our concern and we are not fulfilling an obligation in combating this skullduggery. This failure stems in part, from our outdated aloofness toward the media of mass communication. Our duty and purpose should be to provide accurate medical information to these powerful media so that people may have a better appreciation and understanding of illness and medical care. In the public interest, we must develop mutual understanding and cooperation with representatives of the press, radio and television.

Whether we like it or not, physician-public relationship is replacing physician-patient relationship and we must revise our entire public relations program in order to make it more realistic and effective.

Fred G. Schlecht, M.D.
President

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EDITORIAL

POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE?

One of my Dad's teachings constantly rings through my head "be positive—not negative!" This admonition has stood me in good stead over the years and, I believe, it will become the watchword of our Society during this new decade.

Sooner than anyone of us may realize, we as individual physicians and more important as a medical society, will have to take a public stand on issues vital to the future of free medicine as we now know it. Within the coming months, so-called "third party medicine" will be a factor with which we shall have to reckon. Federal health insurance is another issue which cannot be shelved indefinitely. There will be others and 1960 becomes a target date for many.

Most of us, if questioned now, would express our opposition to the constant stream of "social advancements". But, and this is the crux, it is not enough to take a stand AGAINST something. What do we stand for! What is our POSITIVE approach?

Before any of us can take a stand on anything, we need the facts. To make intelligent decisions, we need more study of the problems at hand. As Editor I will endeavor to present the facts as clearly as possible.

We must have greater unity as a Society—this means less inter-hospital bickering and less group against group petty jealousies. It also means much improved attendance and interest in Society functions.

When we must stand to be counted—how will it be with you? Positive—or negative?

—Jack Schreiber, M.D.
Editor

STAPH INFECTION PROCEDURES

YOUNGSTOWN HOSPITAL PROCEDURES:

I. ON THE WARDS

1. All suspected or proven hemolytic staph aureus infections to be isolated.
2. All draining wounds from a clean surgical case must be cultured.
3. A restriction in useage of newer antibiotics, unless culture has revealed a resistant organism, and that Kanamycin is the drug of choice by sensitivity.
4. Not necessary to call the chairman of the infectious committee, unless immediate use of the drug is required.
5. Isolation patients may be removed from isolation when drainage has ceased. It is not necessary to await the results of Phage typing or a second culture.

II. EMPLOYEES

1. All employees with skin infections etc., are cultured and immediately removed from duty or placed in a non-clinical area.

III. NURSERY

1. All mothers and babies are cultured before discharge. Results are sent to L.M.D.
2. All employees working in the nursery are cultured monthly. Those positive for hemolytic staph aureus-coagulase positive, phage type 80-81 are treated with an appropriate anti-biotic and re-cultured.
3. Usual isolation precautions are undertaken on suspected or proven staph cases.

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL PROCEDURES:

I. ON THE WARD

1. A culture is required with an infection report on any wound drainage from a clean surgical case.
2. Isolation of the patient is by direction of attending physician. Infection committee can recommend isolation, but can not inforce recommendation.
3. Antibiotic therapy not to be initiated until after material is taken for culture whenever possible.
4. It is up to the attending physician as to what antibiotic should be instituted.

II. EMPLOYEES

1. Asymptomatic carriers of epidemic strains of staphlococcus are removed from critical areas but allowed to work in non-critical areas. They are advised to seek care from a physician of choice and are returned to critical areas on change of flora.
2. Personnel ill with a known epidemic strain should not continue to work in a hospital.
3. Asymptomatic carriers of non-epidemic strain of coagulase positive staphlococcus may work in critical areas using special precautions required by the department concerned.

III. NEW BORN NURSERIES

1. Employees in these departments will have periodic nose and throat cultures. At present this can be done only every six months.
2. Private duty nurses will have a nose and throat culture before caring for a post partum case.
3. House physicians will have routine cultures of nose and throat periodically at present every six months.

—John J. Turner, M.D.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above procedures have been published to clarify the variables between the two hospitals.

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Social News

Youngstown Hospital

Dr. and Mrs. Rappoport and Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Hardin left for Acapulco, Mexico on January 27th where they will enjoy a ten day vacation.

Dr. Rappoport was elected president of the Ohio Society of Pathology. He was to be installed on January 16th but had to miss the festivities in Columbus because he was recuperating from a tonsillectomy that was done at North Unit on January 5th. We are wondering who did the pathological sections?

Dr. Wayne Agey spent the week before Christmas in University Hospital in Columbus. He was able to be home for Christmas where he is convalescing from pneumonia. He hopes to be able to return to work about the first of February. The writer is wondering if the cramped quarters in a Porsch for such a big fellow allows enough room for deep breathing.

Dr. Genevieve Delfs spent the Christmas holidays in Florida with her family. On her return she moved into the new office building at 3025 Market Street. Her landlord is Dr. Goudsmit. Dr. Hugh Bennett and Dr. Curtiss Fisher are other tenants in the building.

Dr. Deforest Metcalf was elected to his second term as chairman of the First Covenant Church at the annual meeting of the congregation on January 13th.

Mr. David Endres, superintendent of Youngstown Hospital became a grandfather twice within 24 hours on January 12-13th.

Dr. Ann Oyer a former resident in pathology spent most of December in North Unit after an operation. She is convalescing and by the time this issue is published she will be working as assistant pathologist at Middletown Hospital, Middletown, Ohio. We wish her success.

On January 9th, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Resch had a small dinner party at their home. Their guests were Dr. and Mrs. Fred Friedrich, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Schellhase and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Schreiber. We are pleased to know that Mrs. Resch has recovered from her recent illness.

If some of you are wondering if Dr. Bill Flynn seems a bit taller, maybe he is. He has been laid up since December 1st, and for part of that time he has been in cervical traction. This reporter is pleased to state that his condition is not serious and that he will be back to work February 1st.

At the annual parish meeting of St. John's Episcopal Church January 18th, Dr. Hugh Bennett and Dr. Gabriel DeCicco were elected to three-year terms as vestrymen. Dr. George Pugh is also a member, having been appointed a year ago.

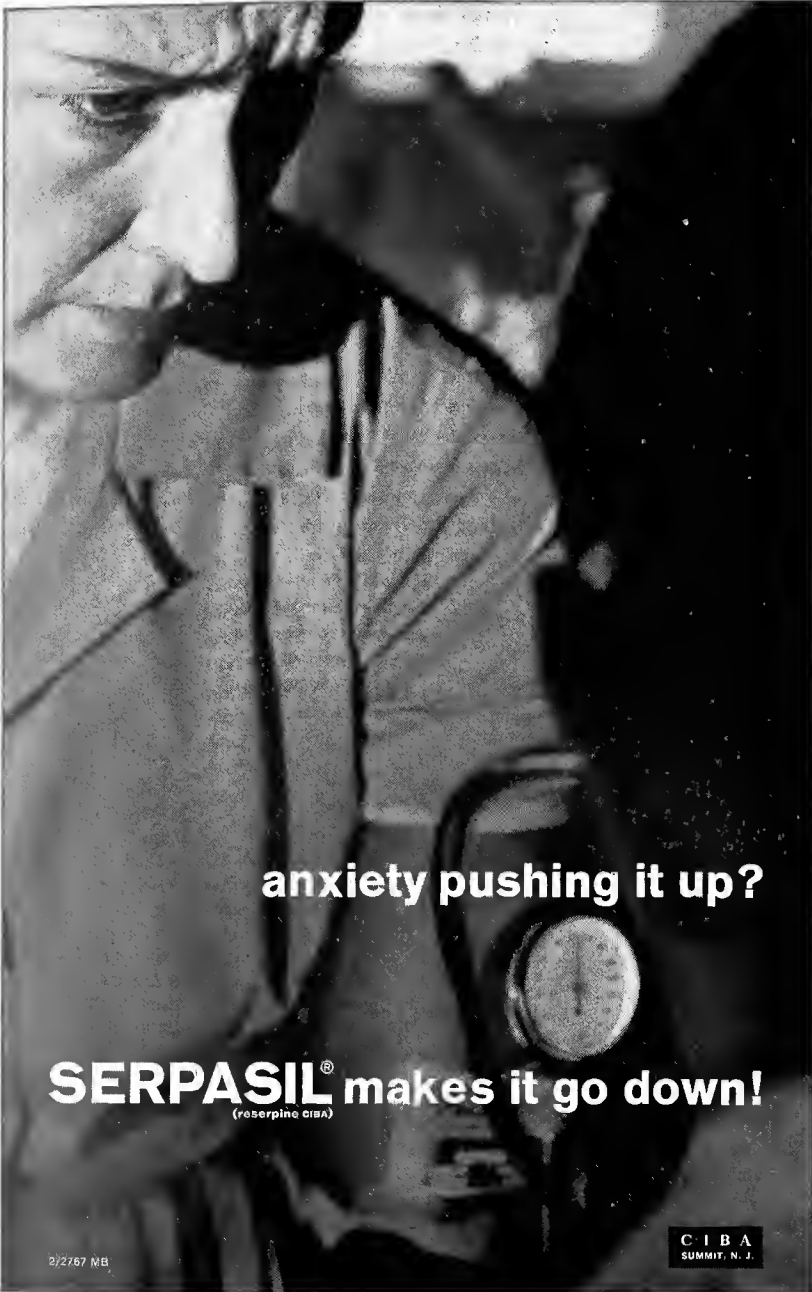
Dr. Frederick L. Schellhase was elected to a year's term as president of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church Congregation at their annual meeting January 17th.

Dr. David B. Brown and Dr. K. C. Kunin and their wives were in Miami, recently.

Dr. B. B. Burrowes was elected to the vestry of St. Augustines Episcopal Church at the annual meeting on Jan. 18.



—G. E. DeCicco, M.D.



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MEDICAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS

Following a meeting held Jan. 14, the Medical Service Foundation of Mahoning County announced \$6,300 in grants for educational purposes.

A grant of \$2,500 was given to Youngstown University. A \$2,000 grant went to the American Medical Education Foundation. A grant of \$800 was given to St. Elizabeth Hospital and to Youngstown Hospitals to further educational programs for interns, and a \$200 grant was given to the Mahoning Tuberculosis Sanatorium for its nurses' library.

The Foundation is also interested in providing tuition for another medical student in addition to the three tuitions now provided.

Dr. Fred S. Coombs was re-elected president for a third term. First vice-president is Dr. Howard W. Jones, president of Youngstown University. Second vice-president is Dr. John N. McCann. Secretary is Dr. George W. Cook. Dr. Vernon L. Goodwin is treasurer, and Dr. Harold E. Hathhorn is assistant treasurer. Assistant secretary and Counsel is Atty. Franklin B. Powers. Mary B. Herald is executive secretary.

DENTAL CANCER MEETING

The Corydon-Palmer Dental Society has issued an invitation to members of the Mahoning County Medical Society to attend a special meeting of that society on Thursday, March 10.

The program will be presented by the American Cancer Society in the afternoon and evening at the Mural Room, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Speakers will include Dr. Oliver Moore of Memorial Hospital, N.Y.C. Dinner will be at 6:00. Make your reservation with Dr. Paul J. Murphy.

NEWS

Dr. Sidney Franklin addressed a Medicolegal Institute of the American Board of Legal Medicine on the subject, "Cross-Examination of the Medical Witness" in Philadelphia, Penna., on January 24, 1960, at the Philadelphia County Medical Society Building.

BLUE CROSS GROUP ADDS RIDER

As the result of a recent post-card vote, the Blue Cross Hospitalization group policy of the society has been adjusted to include a "nervous and mental disorders" rider. At the same time, the group opposed a proposal to change to a 120 Day Comprehensive policy. The coverage will continue to be 120 Day, \$50 Deductible. The rider went into effect on Feb. 1st.

Ballot Results

In the balloting, 146 post cards were received out of a possible 197. The vote was as follows:

To continue present policy without the rider	42
To continue present policy with the rider	68
Change to 120 Day Comprehensive without rider	9
Change to 120 Day Comprehensive with the rider	20

In addition, seven cards indicated that either policy was acceptable. Four of these voted for the rider. Three opposed it.

The occasion for the vote was the raise in Blue Cross rates that went into effect on Feb. 1, 1960. All group members were billed for a \$.15 per month, single, or a \$.85 per month, family, increase in rates for the five month period, ending June 30. Cost of the rider is \$.15 per month, single, and \$.25 per month, family.

New Members Date

The June 30th date is important for society members who wish to join the Blue Cross group. This is the "open" date for taking in new members, and occurs only once a year. A general letter will be sent to the entire membership inviting those who wish to join the group to do so at that time.

BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ORIGINATED HERE

The newly formed "Ohio State Medical Benevolent Association" is a direct result of a resolution proposed by the Mahoning County Medical Society to the Ohio State Medical Association House of Delegates in 1958. The idea for the resolution was introduced by Dr. John J. McDonough, and originally designed to combine a benevolent association with some type of a retirement income program for physicians.

Dr. McDonough has been appointed a trustee of the new association by Dr. Frank Mayfield, president of the Ohio State Medical Association.

The purpose of the corporation is "To receive by gift, contribution, bequest, decree, or in any other manner, money or property, whether real or personal, from any and every person, firm, corporation or association to be used exclusively for the relief of the pecuniary distress of deserving indigent or destitute physicians and their widows, widowers, or children who need financial relief or assistance because of old age, illness, mental or physical incapacity or catastrophic emergencies."

The Benevolent Association is currently being incorporated. The other trustees are: Dr. Robert S. Martin of Zanesville, Dr. George W. Tetznick of Cleveland, Dr. Carter L. Pitcher of Portsmouth, and Dr. Robert M. Inglis of Columbus.

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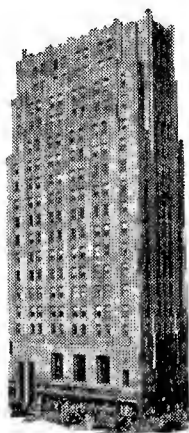
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Dr. William D. Loeser was born in Buffalo, New York and received both his preliminary and his medical education from the University of Buffalo. He received his M.D. degree in 1945. He finally left Buffalo to intern at Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. and following this he served two years with the Navy as a Lt. j.g. He then returned to his native Buffalo where he served as assistant resident and later resident in medicine at Buffalo General Hospital. In October of 1950 he entered the private practice of internal medicine in Buffalo. Three years later he developed poliomyelitis and was incapacitated for eight months. Despite some residual weakness in both legs he has been physically active ever since. In May 1954 he started part time work at the University of Buffalo Chronic Disease Research Institute and also as an assistant physician working in the Respirator Center becoming its director in June 1956.

Dr. Loeser is a 35 M.M. photography fan. He also indulges in home movies. He produced two teaching films while at the Respirator Center. He likes to be his own "Mister Fixit" at home and he also likes to use his green thumb.

He is a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and an associate of the American College of Physicians. The Loesers have three children. We hope his ties with Buffalo are not too strong and that he will make Youngstown his permanent home.

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Dr. Arthur Vance Whittaker was born in neighboring Ellwood City, Pa. He received his B.S. degree at Geneva College in 1950 and his M.D. at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, Md. where he was graduated in 1954. He interned at Youngstown Hospital where he also had a 1-year residency in Internal Medicine. After his residency at Youngstown Hospital he entered the Navy and served as a Lt. at Pearl Harbor from 1955 to 1957.

He is an avid hunter and fisherman and I am sure he can tell you about the big one that got away. His uncle is Dr. J. Clair Vance of Poland. He is married to the former Janice Taylor of Evans City, Pa. They have two children. He resides and also has his offices in Poland.



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Dr. Joseph G. Costantini is a native of Torre De' Passeri, Italy where he was born November 19, 1921. He received his preliminary education at Liceo Ginnasio Gabrielle Annunzio in Pescara, Italy. He then crossed the peninsula to Rome where he received his M.D. degree from the Regia Università degli Studi di Roma, Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia in 1946.

After additional work he practiced internal medicine in Italy until 1951 when he received a scholarship as a Fellow in Hematology in Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago for nine months. He then went to Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York for a two-year residency in Anaesthesia after which he went to St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia. He took

the Ohio State Boards in 1955 and in January of 1956 he went to Cleveland and did anaesthesia at St. Alexis and Women's Hospitals there. In July of 56 he entered the U. S. Army as a captain and served at Mardigan Army Hospital and Fort Bragg Army Hospital and after a two-year stint was discharged as a Major. He has been an anaesthesiologist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital since that time.

He is married to the former Helena Jakubowicz of Poland. They have two children. He is a philatelist and if you are wondering what the strange sounds at 691 Crandall Ave. are he is also a Hi-Fi enthusiast.

—G. E. DiCicco, M.D.

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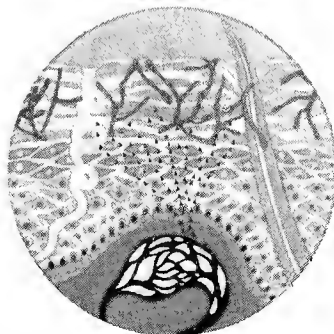
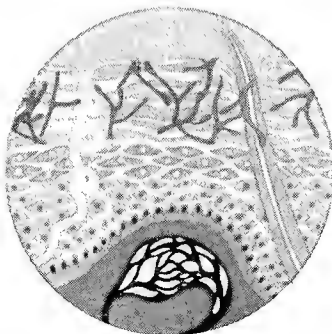
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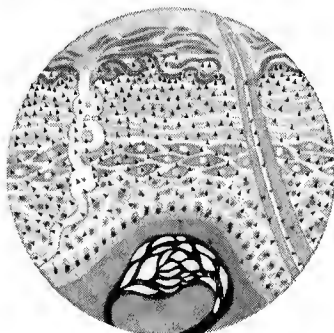
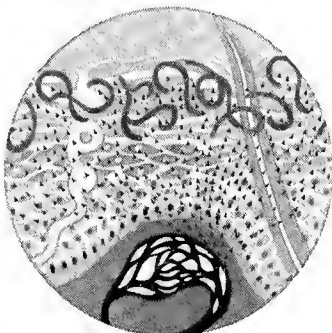
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CONSULTATION



The Mahoning County Medical Society's radio program "Consultation", moves into its second year with a little less than one hundred local doctors having served on its panel.

The program originates over WKBN at 10:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening, with Mr. John Moses as announcer and moderator of the telephoned questions. Anchor man is Dr. Jack Schreiber who has served on nearly every program since the series originated, and who de-

serves most of the credit for conceiving, planning, and executing the program from its very beginning.

Jack, who is really a frustrated radio announcer, began his career over two years ago, as master of ceremonies on the Society's TV program, "This Concerns You". This was a monthly program shown on Friday nights over WFMJ-TV and dealing with subjects of seasonal interest. Jack personally planned and appeared on each of these programs.

The following year, he remained more behind the scenes, but had a hand in the news programs which appeared on Sunday nights featuring various aspects of the medical profession and its specialties. As you may recall, these were filmed programs which followed the Sunday night news.



Top row: Mr. John Moses, WKBN program director; Dr. Genevieve Delfs; Dr. H. J. Reese, Dr. Jack Schreiber.

Bottom row: Dr. C. E. Pichette, Dr. J. L. Smeltzer, Dr. Irving Berke, Dr. D. R. Brody.



Top row: Dr. F. S. Coombs; Dr. L. G. Coe; Dr. L. S. Shensa, Dr. E. A. Shorten.

Bottom row: Dr. H. L. Shorr; Dr. F. A. Resch; Dr. R. M. Foster; Dr. I. C. Smith.

Jack's latest protege, however, is the current radio program "Consultation", now entering its tenth month of existence. On these programs, Dr. Schreiber has as his guests one or two physician-members of the County Society, who take turns answering questions phoned in by listeners. Through special equipment supplied by WKBN and the Bell Telephone Company, the telephoned question is heard over the air. The question is then answered by that member who finds the question closest to his field of interest or specialty. The program lasts for thirty minutes, during which time approximately eight or ten questions are answered. In this manner, the curiosity of the inquisitive public is satisfied, and better public relations are served for the County Society.

Altogether, some 75 Society physicians have participated, representing all of the specialties as well as general practice. Questions range from, "What is Friedreich's ataxia?", to "What can I do for warts?" No attempt is made to diagnose or treat over the airways, but rather Consultation has tried to accomplish dissemination of medical knowledge to the listening public.

Our frustrated announcer, Jack, has moved into a new field of communications now, that of Editor of this Society Bulletin, and architect of its new look and format, but he still finds time to hold down the seat of interlocutor on the weekly "Consultation" program. Tune it in, you might be surprised at the question. Better yet, come on down to WKBN and help Jack try to answer them.

—R. R. Fisher, M.D.

SOCIAL NEWS

St. Elizabeth Hospital

Dr. A. K. Phillips and Dr. E. Pichette are among others making plans to attend the A.M.A. meeting in Miami in June.

Congratulations due to Dr. S. F. Gaylord who recently became a father for the seventh time. Also, Dr. Gaylord was appointed to the Board of Directors of Youngstown Symphony. He made his debut on television playing a few selections on the piano.

The Residency Review Committee for Radiology, representing the American Board of Radiology and the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, has approved the residency program at St. Elizabeth Hospital for a full three years of training.

Asher Randell's daughter is a freshman at the Connecticut College for Women in New London, Connecticut, and, except for those cold New England winters she thinks it is simply wonderful.

The Calders journeyed to Florida to escape the winter while Alex attended the American Academy of Allergy meeting.

The Zellers were down in Florida too, and last time we saw Joe Tandatnick he was making plans to join his family in Miami Beach.

Thru some tight maneuvering the three orthopods at our hospital are making out a schedule so that all three could attend the big meeting in Chicago. Chester and J. J. never miss this meeting because they learn so much, especially about where to get exotic foods. Ask Joe to tell you about riding the "El" with Chester last year for some laughs.

We heard at lunch in the cafeteria that Ed Mazullo was married to Anna Marino on January 18 in San Francisco. Glad to hear it, Ed, and best of luck.

—Dr. J. R. Sofranec

—Dr. G. L. Altman

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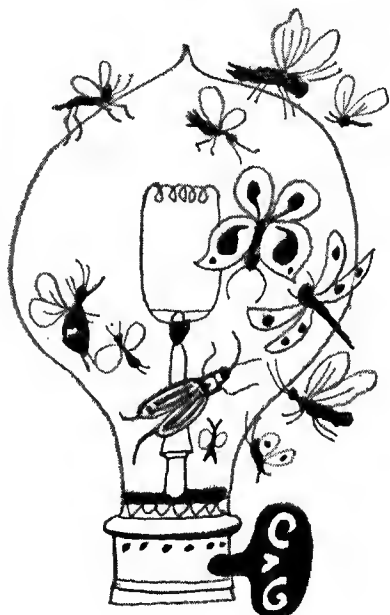
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Jan. 26, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1960 at the Elks Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: F. G. Schlecht, president, presiding, M. W. Neidus, C. E. Pichette, H. J. Reese, P. J. Mahar, C. C. Wales, Jack Schreiber, E. R. McNeal, C. W. Stertzbach, G. E. DeCicco, F. A. Resch, H. P. McGregor, M. S. Rosenblum, A. K. Phillips, R. J. Scheetz, Asher Randell, and J. J. McDonough. Absent were: R. R. Fisher, and S. W. Ondash.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The secretary was requested to list in the minutes both those present and those absent from council meeting.

Dr. Schlecht reported that a copy of a proposed constitution had been sent to Columbus for possible approval by the Ohio State Medical Association, and that, if approved, it would be read to the membership at the earliest possible meeting of the society.

Dr. Schlecht outlined a plan for a Public Relations Committee which would make the Public Relations Director an appointed member of council on a par with the editor of the *Bulletin*. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the plan be given a try.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that a discussion concerning reappraisal of the society group hospitalization be tabled until the next meeting of council.

Dr. DeCicco reported that the membership application form, currently in use, did not contain enough information. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that Dr. DeCicco be appointed a committee of one to devise a new application form.

Dr. McDonough introduced discussion concerning the availability of movies on the Simpson-Keough Bill. The secretary was asked to order one for showing at some future meeting of the society.

Dr. Reese brought up the question of Aid for the Aged patients on house service at the hospitals. He was requested to read material recently published by the Ohio State Medical Association, and to make a report at the next meeting of council.

Dr. Schlecht read a letter from Dr. H. E. Hathhorn asking if there might be a change in society policy in regard to hospital clinics. The original resolution was read, and is herein printed:

RESOLVED, that all patients treated at Hospital Clinics, must be referred by their family physician, as evidenced by written request bearing his signature.

RESOLVED, that inasmuch as the Mahoning County Welfare Department will not appropriate funds for clinical treatment of indigent patients, the hospitals will refer such patients to their family physician.

The suggestion was made that the administration of both hospitals be contacted to see what they might want in the way of change.

A letter was read from Lippincott's Medical Science magazine offering to pay an honorarium and expenses for a clinical teacher.

A question was brought up concerning reprinting the "Revised Fee Schedule" that was printed on cards several years ago. The editor, Dr. Schreiber, was asked to print an article in the *Bulletin* to determine the demand for a reprint.

Dr. Neidus reported on a letter received from Mr. I. L. Feuer, reasserting that the certificates marked "no expense" were necessary to certify the need for medical care before a welfare case could be accepted for medical care.

A letter was read from the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society affirming their participation in the Canfield Fair for 1960.

Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the voluntary participation by a physician-member of the Mahoning County Medical Society in a third-party medical care plan under conditions and circumstances which require, or result in, practices that are proscribed by the Principles of Medical Ethics of the AMA, as interpreted by the Judicial Council of the AMA, subjects such physician-member to disciplinary action by this society. More specifically, any conduct or action on the part of the physician, in connection with his participation in the third-party medical care plan which involves the sale or disposal of the physician's services under terms or conditions which:

- (a) Permit exploitation of his services for the financial profit of the third party;
- (b) Tend to interfere with or impair the free and complete exercise of his judgement and skill;
- (c) Tend to cause a deterioration of the quality of medical care in the community;
- (d) Involve solicitation of patients by the physician, directly or indirectly, or involve his consent to, or acquiescence in, solicitation of patients by others for or on behalf of the physician, or
- (e) Deny to the members of the community in which the physician practices a reasonable degree of free choice of a physician or physicians,

would constitute a violation of the principles of Medical Ethics and subject him to disciplinary action by this society.

The following applications were presented by the censors and read by the secretary:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Joseph G. Costantini, 1009 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio

William D. Loeser, Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio

Arthur V. Whittaker, 110 Main St., Poland, Ohio

INTERN-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Angelo Riberi, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

The above applicants will become members of the society unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary within fifteen days.

Bills were read. A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed to pay each one. A list of bills is attached to the minutes.

Meeting was adjourned.

—C. E. Pichette, Secretary

CORRECTION

In the December issue of the *Bulletin*, the word "not" was omitted from the statement made in the article, "Some aspects of Socialized Medicine," by Dr. G. T. Hamilton. The statement should have read: Excepting cases of emergency, the doctor has no moral or legal obligation to treat or accept a patient not on his list.

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CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Control of communicable disease is another important function of the health department and is one in which the health department is heavily dependent on the cooperation of the practicing physician in reporting the communicable disease with which he comes in contact, to the health department so that the health office may have an overall picture of the prevalence of communicable disease with the community at a given time. The health office in turn transmits the reports of communicable disease to the central authority within the state, in Ohio, that being the Ohio Department of Health, and it is from these figures that the national health picture is determined.

Today among the lesser communicable diseases of childhood there is a tendency to minimize the isolation and quarantine of these children; the reason being that it is apparently better for the child to have the disease in the early years of childhood when the disease is usually less severe in its course and less frequent in its sequelae than in the later years of childhood or even adulthood. This thinking in some areas has been carried to the point where boys have been purposely exposed to mumps and girls to german measles. Here in Youngstown, all patients reported to have communicable disease are visited by the public health nurse with the single exception of chicken pox. When the nurse visits the patient, if she feels the need of a physicians visit she so advises the family.

In the control of the more serious diseases such as; cerebro-spinal meningitis, diphtheria and poliomyelitis, rigid isolation and quarantine measures are enforced.

The control of tuberculosis in the City of Youngstown remains an important and difficult function. In recent years the follow up of suspects and contacts of active cases has lagged considerably because of lack of personnel.

It is our hope that the Board of Health will enact a regulation which will enable us to bring in contacts and suspects for X-ray who in the past have not been willing to cooperate. This regulation is now before the Board of Health for their consideration.

The Chest X-ray program in the city jail in operation for the past six weeks has already discovered three cases of active tuberculosis as well as other non-tubercular pathology.

In the field of venereal disease control we have been doing a better job of follow up, but here again we are heavily dependent upon the cooperation of the practicing physician in reporting to us the cases of infectious venereal disease with which he comes in contact.

—L. A. Blum, M.D.

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	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
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Births	209	189	183	197	778
Deaths	76	78	51	44	249
Infant Deaths	2	4	—	4	10

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Births	144	164	127	135	570
Deaths	88	62	34	38	222
Infant Deaths	6	3	1	4	14

	1959		1958	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox	7	0	94	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Ep. Spn. Men.	0	0	0	0
Inf. Hepatitis	0	0	1	0
Influenza	0	0	0	0
Measles	7	0	5	0
Mumps	54	0	48	0
Pertussis	0	0	2	0
Polio	0	0	1	0
Scarlet Fever	3	0	3	0
Tuberculosis	7	1	10	0
Typhoid	0	0	0	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

New Cases	Male	Female	Total
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Gonorrhea	7	1	8
Total patients			13
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On January 18th, an executive board meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society was held in the Capitol Room of the Pick-Ohio Hotel. Mrs. Arthur Rappoport, president, presided. Of particular significance was the announcement of the formation of a Steering Committee for the study of Para-Medical Education. This committee plans to study the needs of educational and guidance groups in order that information will be made available to high school students concerning these careers. The scholarship needs of these students will also be investigated.

On January 19th, a "Catastrophe Luncheon" was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Herald. This was sponsored by the Mahoning Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. L. D. McPhee, Executive Director, was assisted by Mrs. H. J. Calvin, Canteen Volunteer Chairman, Mrs. Ada Harty, Canteen Volunteer Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Fred Childress, Registration Volunteer and Mrs. Stanley Yarrow, R.N., who was speaker for the afternoon.

Mrs. Yarrow's talk, "Disaster in Your Home" was planned to acquaint members as to the precautions, sanitation necessities, feeding and care of those individuals whose living conditions had been disrupted by any disaster.

Mrs. James Sofranec was program chairman for the day and Mrs. J. J. Turner was co-chairman. On the social committee was Mrs. Joseph Newsome, chairman, Mrs. Salvatore Squicquero, co-chairman with Mrs. John Stotler and Mrs. R. S. Boniface assisting.

On February 16th a guest day luncheon and style show at the Mahoning Country Club will be featured. This will be a combined meeting with the Trumbull County Medical Auxiliary.

—Mrs. Paul E. Ruth,
Publicity Chairman

HEART SPEAKERS

Speakers at the Feb. 16 Heart Meeting of the Youngstown Area Heart Association, the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Mahoning Academy of General Practice, will be Dr. Philip E. Bernatz and Dr. John L. Juergens, both of Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Bernatz will speak on "Carotid Artery Obstruction from a Surgeon's Viewpoint," and Dr. Juergens will talk on "The Natural History of Arteriosclerosis Obliterans."

Dr. Bernatz is a graduate of the University of Iowa. He joined the Mayo Clinic in 1948. Dr. Juergens is a graduate of Harvard University Medical School. He was appointed to the Mayo staff in 1956.

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FROM THE BULLETIN

Twenty Years Ago—February, 1940

President Poling said that medicine had made tremendous strides in the more recent decades. One of the strides noted in that issue of the *Bulletin* was the use of Sulfapyridine which was said to be replacing typed sera in the treatment of pneumonia. It seemed to work in all types of pneumococcus infection but produced severe gastric irritation.

Then there was the new four day cure of syphilis by intensive administration of an arsenical (Neocarphenamine or Mapharsen) which treatment was available for selected cases in Columbus. Local physicians could obtain Neocarphenamine and bismuth free from the local health department by filling out the proper forms. Until then, the average case took about two years to cure.

There was much enthusiasm about the new Hypertherm at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Dr. Ivan Smith took a special course in Dayton on the use of the apparatus. It was especially valuable in C.N.S. lues and gonococcal arthritis, superseding fever therapy produced by malarial inoculation.

The Associated Hospital Service, not yet two years old, reported that in the past year hospital care had been provided for 2,329 persons. The Out-Patient Departments at the hospitals were re-opened after a lapse of six years. Ripley could use that one: "Believe It or Not" the free clinics were closed as a result of the Depression. It was not lack of funds but the fact that government took over the care of the indigent that caused their closing.

The Annual Banquet that year was quite an affair. We had the Musical Clowns, Ruth Autenreith's Orchestra, the President of the O.S.M.A. (the late Wm. Skipp), an outstanding speaker from New York and a magician. No wives though, and no dancing.

Men were men those days. No women in the barber shops, the bars or the Medical Society. Now they are everywhere and boy, do we like it!

Ten Years Ago—February, 1950

President Nelson pledged the support of the Society to the new Mahoning Valley Safety Council.

The Tuberculosis and Health Association started a mass chest x-ray survey of the adult population of Mahoning County. E. J. Reilly was President of the Association and Edwin Brody the Vice-President.

New members that month were: Paxton Lane Jones, Paul Fuzy, Jr., and Frederick Arthur Freidrich. Fred Schlecht opened a new office for the practice of surgery and Arnoldus Goudsmit opened his for the practice of internal medicine, both at 2218 Market St. James D. Miller liked the company and moved in there too.

At St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Donald Dockry and Robert Bruchs were surgical residents. New internes were James R. Sofranec, Henry Shorr and Lewis Gasser. J. F. Stotler was appointed Chief of Thoracic Surgery, J. K. Herald Chief of Proctology, J. B. Kupec Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and W. L. Mermis Chief of Allergy.

At Youngstown Hospital, James D. Gordon and Robert Parry were serving internships. Pathologists H. K. Giffen and Arthur Rappoport reported on 511 cases studied by the New Papanicolou method. Dr. Giffen stated that if the recommended time of 30 minutes per slide were followed it would take 19 weeks to examine that amount of material. Dr. R. W. Rummell created a sensation when he announced that two women internes had been accepted for next July.

This page on "From The Bulletin" first appeared in February, 1950. Persistent, isn't it?

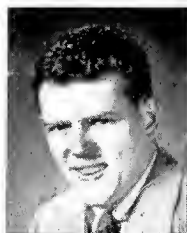


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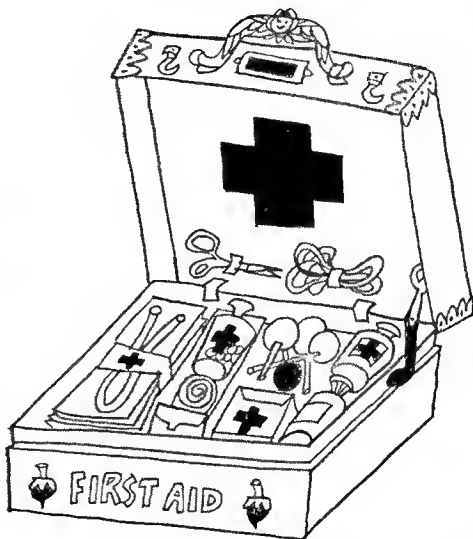
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TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SEEN DURING THE YEAR ----- 529
 Persons not seen previously ----- 492

OF THESE:

Admitted for Syphilis ----- 55
 Admitted for Gonorrhea ----- 233
 Persons not infected and not admitted ----- 201
 Admitted for Chancroid ----- 3
 492

SYPHILIS

Number of cases treated this year ----- 82
 Carried over from 1958 ----- 22
 Delinquent patients or patients previously dismissed
 who came back for check-up or treatment -- 5
 Admitted this year ----- 55
 82

Primary and secondary ----- 0
 Early latent ----- 0
 Late ----- 2
 Late latent ----- 41
 Central nervous system ----- 1
 Congenital ----- 10
 Cardiovascular ----- 0
 Prophylactic ----- 1
 55

Number of blood tests taken ----- 686
 Reactive ----- 300
 Nonreactive ----- 386
 686

Number of spinal puncture ----- 4
 Reactive ----- 1
 Nonreactive ----- 3
 4

NUMBER OF CLINIC VISITS FOR SYPHILIS ----- 617
 GONORRHEA

Number of cases treated this year ----- 243
 Carried over from 1958 ----- 10
 Admitted this year ----- 233
 243
 Males ----- 146
 Females ----- 87
 233

OF THE 233 PATIENTS:

53 or 22.4% were between 11 and 20 yrs. of age.
 127 or 55% were between 21 and 30 yrs. of age.
 47 or 20% were between 31 and 40 yrs. of age.
 5 or 2.2% were between 41 and 50 yrs. of age.
 1 or 0.4% was between 51 and 60 yrs. of age.

Number of cultures taken (on females only, mostly as a test of cure) 61
 Positive ----- 3
 Negative ----- 58
 61

NUMBER OF CLINIC VISITS FOR GONORRHEA ----- 715

CHANCROID

Admitted for chancroid	3
NUMBER OF VISITS FOR CHANCROID	18
NUMBER OF CLINIC VISITS MADE BY PERSONS NOT INFECTED AND NOT ADMITTED OR REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCIES	459
GRAND TOTAL OF CLINIC VISITS	1809

Mrs. Friedl Polk, RN, is attached to the Clinic as special investigator. She does this work in addition to her nursing duties. During 1959 she interviewed 114 patients during clinic hours. She processed 588 "Epidemiological Forms", 244 of which pertained to clinic patients, 344 to patients of private physicians but none to U. S. Deperation Centers.

In addition, Mrs. Polk, together with the other Visiting Nurses, made 169 house visits pertaining to venereal work.

These investigations resulted in the discovery of:

109 female suspects for gonorrhea, 60 of whom were infected and treated, 16 not infected and 33 could not be located or moved out of jurisdiction.

131 suspects for syphilis, both male and female, of whom 41 were brought under treatment, 53 for observation, 19 not infected and 18 could not be located or moved out of jurisdiction.

1 female suspect for chancroid, not infected.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Henri Schmid, M.D.

NOTE:

The attendance at the Clinic this year was practically the same as last year. However, there were no cases of acute or early latent syphilis admitted.

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, has announced that St. Elizabeth Hospital has been granted approval for a three year residency program in internal medicine. Prior to this announcement the hospital had been approved for two years. Coupled with this announcement, is word that the council has also granted approval for a program in General Practice. Both approvals were granted unconditionally. The present residency program in internal medicine includes positions for six residents; two each in the senior, second year and first year category. The program for the 1960-'61 session has been completely filled with the exception of one second year opening. This vacancy occurs when Dr. Guy Hamilton, studying in this country on a Fullbright Scholarship, must return to his home in London. In announcing the opening, the department reluctantly takes note of Dr. Hamilton's departure.

With the receipt of these approvals, it is pointed out that the hospital now offers complete residencies in Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine, Ob. Gyn., Pathology, Surgery, Radiology and General Practice.

Word was also received, last week, that the hospital facilities have been approved for oral surgery training. Application is now being made for approval of an Oral Surgery Intern Program.

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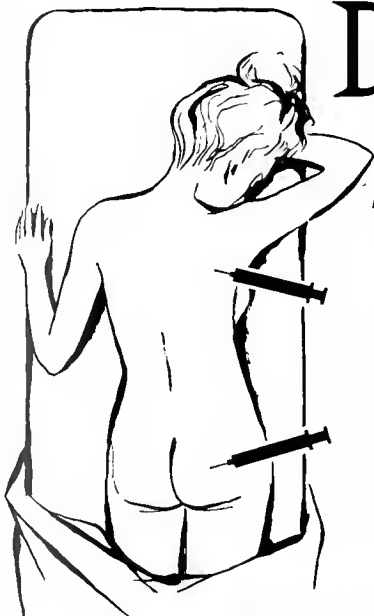
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A CLOSED LETTER

Dear Cousin Frank:

You have asked me many questions concerning your medical society. I can only speak from my limited participation and jaundiced observation of our local society.

It seems to me that you almost expressed a fascinating question: Why should there be a local medical society? There are so many obvious answers that I simply cannot answer. I urge you to never ask this question publically. I quickly drop this subject.

Every organized group consists of workers and nonworkers. The workers become officers while the nonworkers remain complainers.

Early in his medical career, the physician must decide whether he will work in his society (it seems that I should write "for his society") or not. The majority of physicians remain apart from the society. Can the majority be that wrong? Or are they wiser? You know the inactive role that I have selected (with only very slight misgivings). I think that my deliberate decision was correct.

New members are frequently asked to do something to increase the attendance at monthly meetings. This is a hopeless task. Telephone reminders, cards, door prizes, (except a free malpractice policy), cocktails, food, threats, punishment, shaming, pleading, etc., are doomed to failure.

The only reason for poor attendance is the dissatisfaction of the members. Is this discontent simply that of too many "scientific" meetings or is this discontent due to deeper conflicts within the society? I believe that the latter is the basic problem.

Recently a meeting regarding our constitution failed to attract a quorum. Many members thought it was a waste of time and effort. In an earlier meeting many members contributed excellent ideas. We were later told that our constitution was not acceptable to the state medical association. In effect, we were ordered to accept the state association's model. It is apparent why members did not attend a meeting in which we were told to rubber stamp something after we had been earlier led to believe that we could make decisions.

How many times have you voted concerning social security for physicians?

I think that members would attend meetings if they did not feel, with some good reason, that everything had been "arranged" before hand by the officers, if the officers were far less passive in their actions, and if subjects were more interesting (and presented in a stimulating fashion).

Our society has a Grievance Committee. I have never heard of it functioning in an aggressive and forceful manner. A Grievance Committee should be a respected and feared authority.

Do not be concerned or too active if you are appointed to one of the many standard committees. They rarely meet and their annual reports (made by the chairman) contain nothing important. Any special committee (usually appointed far too late) is a busy one. The report of such a committee earns the usual platitude of "hard working" or "gave a lot of time and study." But, its conclusions are accepted only if they coincide with that which has already been determined by higher authority (local, state, or national).

I am certain that physicians are saturated with "scientific" meetings. I would like to attend meetings concerning (for example), estate planning and



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economics, a "knock down and drag out" session with representatives of the bar association, drug manufacturers (regarding advertising and salesmen), employment agency policies, welfare organizations, hospital administrations, nurses associations, nursing home operators. When such meetings have occurred, they have ended (after a few minor complaints) with mutual compliments, back slapping, and comments that we have so much in common and we are working for the same goals. Don't ever believe all these statements.

Please let me know any of your questions, thoughts, and opinions concerning your role as a member of the group of physicians. Perhaps we can exchange ideas.

Sincerely Yours,

Frank Gelbman, M.D.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a good letter—it provokes thought. What are your feelings about this or other matters which concern our society? Why not put them in the form of a letter to the editor.)

COMMUNITY CHEST REPORT

The physicians' section of the Community Chest drive reached 97.2% of its goal, according to figures released by Mr. Walter Pacek, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Chest.

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